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REMARKS

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Claims 1-9 and 11-37 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 29-35 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant's representative requests that the cancellation of claims 29-35 be entered. In the Advisory Action issued on April 2, 2007, the Examiner contends that the cancellation of claims 29-35 would not place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. Applicant's representative respectfully disagrees. The cancellation of claims 29-35 simplify the issues for appeal by rendering their rejection moot. Such a cancellation will reduce the number of claims the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences considers on appeal. Accordingly, Applicant's representative respectfully requests that the cancellation of claims 29-35 be entered for purposes of appeal.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered in the present application.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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